

basic right of American law that we deal with that in the proper way to stop price fixing. The Republicans have stood in the way without any leadership on that issue.

In terms of price gouging by the oil companies, we have passed, the Democrats have passed legislation cracking down on Big Oil that are gouging American consumers.

The Energy Price Gouging Prevention Act would give our Federal Trade Commission authority to investigate and punish companies that artificially inflate the price of energy. It sets criminal penalties for price gouging, and permits States to bring lawsuits against wholesalers or retailers who engage in such practices. The Bush administration has threatened to veto the measure and the Republican leadership has consistently voted "no, no, no" and "no" on price gouging.

On renewable energy as we discussed, we have been moving towards renewable energy provisions. The House leadership of the Republicans, every single one of them has voted "no" on renewable energy. They are voting "no" on America's future. They are voting "no" on a responsible free market. And on our energy security which we have been working on as Democrats to make sure that we are moving to real security for the United States and energy independence, they voted "no, no, no."

So in closing, and there is so much more we could say about what we have been doing, but as I close tonight I want to say to you and to the Speaker's attention I appreciate, another member of our freshman class of 2006, a distinguished member, that it is time to say yes to the future. It is time to say yes to American consumers. Our special interest must be the interest of the people of this country. It must be an answer to the pain that they are feeling at the pumps, and where they know, where the American people know the great future and destiny of this country lies.

So our job is to say yes. We understand that we need to do something now and we are. We are answering the call now. Democrats will answer, Republicans will say no, but we will be steadfast in the special interest of the people. We will be responsible in unleashing the forces of the free market to take us into the energy future that the American people need and deserve. It is time to say yes to the future. Green is the new red, white and blue. I look forward to working in the years to come on the legislation and the policies that will move us into the future in a way that the American people will be proud of, and I thank you for being with me tonight.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DEFAZIO) to revise and ex-

tend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. YARMUTH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WEINER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. GIFFORDS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, June 25.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, June 25.

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, June 19.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, for 5 minutes, June 19.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes, June 19.

(The following Member (at her request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on June 16, 2008 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 6124. To provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HODES. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7185. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — User Fees for 2008 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers [AMS-CN-07-0092; CN-08-001] (RIN: 0581-AC80) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7186. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendments to Rules of Practice Regulations Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) To Increase Reparation Complaint Filing and Handling Fees [Docket Number AMS-FV-06-0217; FV07-376] (RIN: 0581-AC72) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7187. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the

Department's final rule — Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0159; FV08-955-1 FR] received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7188. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — User Fees for 2008 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers [AMS-CN-07-0092; CN-08-001] (RIN: 0581-AC80) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

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7191. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Assessment of the Livestock and Poultry Industries for FY 2007," pursuant to Public Law 106-472; to the Committee on Agriculture.

7192. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Mission-Related Investments, Rural Community Investments (RIN: 3052-AC42) received May 29, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7193. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Risk-Based Capital Regulation — Loss Severity Amendments (RIN: 2550-AA38) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7194. A letter from the General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rehabilitation Training — Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program — received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

7195. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — West Virginia Regulatory Program [WV-114-FOR; OSM-2008-0010] received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7196. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of payments to eligible governments in the State of California for Fiscal Year 2008 under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7197. A letter from the Associate General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting the Office's report on a major rule promulgated by the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency, entitled, "Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources," pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(2)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.